

**To:** Herckis, Arian[Herckis.Arian@epa.gov]  
**From:** Fritz, Matthew  
**Sent:** Wed 8/12/2015 12:21:30 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Information on the Response Effort - REVISION at 8:14 Eastern Time

You can print what I just sent you both – it will updated as I receive information.

**From:** Herckis, Arian  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 12, 2015 8:17 AM  
**To:** Fritz, Matthew  
**Subject:** Re: Information on the Response Effort - REVISION at 8:14 Eastern Time

Sorry to be a pain but just let me know when I should print.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 12, 2015, at 6:15 AM, Fritz, Matthew <[Fritz.Matthew@epa.gov](mailto:Fritz.Matthew@epa.gov)> wrote:

Here is the latest – thanks for the info so far:

**Chronology and notifications:**

**# of EPA staff/contractors engaged in the response (both on the ground/ and in the regions and HQ):**

Region 6 = 53 total (combined EPA employee/contractors)

**Navajo Dam release: when, how much, frequency**

August 7 – Bureau of Reclamation increased water releases from the Dam from 650 to 1,300 cfs to help with dilution

(The dam is on the San Juan River – east of Farmington on Navajo Lake)

**Toll-free # (for all area impacted by the release):**

Toll-free #: 1-844-607-9700 – it is now “live”

**Contact information for response partners:**

ATSDR’s information is posted on the website – along with the name of the appropriate official to contact

Other supporting agencies – such as state fish and wildlife – are listed on the site (no contact information – ideally, one would work through the Unified Command to connect with the individuals associated with the response)

Information on how to submit claims is on the website. Additional work over the next couple of days will involve establishing “centers” in the various communities to make the system for submitting a claim easier.

**Process to analyze data:**

**pH values in Cement Creek:**

As of August 11 (Tuesday), the pH value for the discharge from Cement Creek was 5.5 – consistent with pre-existing conditions

**Single point of contact:**

David Ostrander – Incident Commander working out of the Unified Area Command in Durango

Should we list who might be managing the effort in Farmington?

**Plan to provide water in NM:**

EPA is providing water to livestock in the vicinity of the San Juan River. The county (San Juan) was supporting this effort over the weekend and EPA assumed that responsibility on Monday, August 10 and we have completed 4 distributions through Tuesday.

**Mobile Lab in NM:**

NO mobile lab in NM – Region 6 stood up a sample process center on East Apache Street. In addition, they have deployed a mobile command post.

**Addressing other mines in the area:****Long-term clean up strategy:**

EPA is in the process of developing a long-term clean-up strategy. The primary focus is on the on-going response and ensuring conditions within the rivers have improved to pre-event conditions – allowing the rivers to be opened back up for recreational uses, the provision of water for drinking and agricultural purposes.

**From:** Fritz, Matthew

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 12, 2015 7:44 AM

**To:** Card, Joan; Shaun McGrath ([McGrath.Shaun@epa.gov](mailto:McGrath.Shaun@epa.gov)); Jared Blumenfeld ([BLUMENFELD.JARED@EPA.GOV](mailto:BLUMENFELD.JARED@EPA.GOV)); Ron Curry ([Curry.Ron@epa.gov](mailto:Curry.Ron@epa.gov)); David Gray ([gray.david@epa.gov](mailto:gray.david@epa.gov)); Kelly Zito ([ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV](mailto:ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV)); Melissa Harrison ([Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov](mailto:Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov)); Mathy Stanislaus ([Stanislaus.Mathy@epa.gov](mailto:Stanislaus.Mathy@epa.gov)); Cheatham, Reggie; Nitin Natarajan ([Natarajan.Nitin@epa.gov](mailto:Natarajan.Nitin@epa.gov)); Barry Breen ([Breen.Barry@epa.gov](mailto:Breen.Barry@epa.gov)); Sam Coleman ([Coleman.Sam@epa.gov](mailto:Coleman.Sam@epa.gov)); Alexis Strauss ([Strauss.Alexis@epa.gov](mailto:Strauss.Alexis@epa.gov)); Smith, Paula; Ostrander, David

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**Subject:** Information on the Response Effort

All – sorry for this – since I have hit many of you with email after email this morning. The Administrator sent along some thoughts and notes last night that she wants us to help address prior to her visits over the next couple of days. I believe I have captured all of the various pieces she mentioned in her string. Your help in filling out the open space would be tremendously helpful. I would like to have as much of this in her hands before she heads to Durango later this morning. (I have indicated folks that might be best position to contribute to the responses.)

Thanks.

**Chronology and notifications:**

*Region 8 with assistance from 6*

**# of EPA staff/contractors engaged in the response (both on the ground/ and in the regions and HQ):**

all

**Navajo Dam release: when, how much, frequency**

*Probably 6 and 9 – Joan may have good info here*

**Toll-free # (is there one for both NM and Colorado?)**

*David G*

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*Reggie*

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*Shawn/Mathy/Reggie*

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*Team*

**Plan to provide water in NM:**

**Mobile Lab in NM:**

EPA's Region 6 mobile lab has been in Farmington since August.... The lab is capable of ...

*Ron/David*

**Addressing other mines in the area:**

*Team – general response*

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